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LOK SABHA

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PERFUNCTORY FUNCTIONING OF CRF
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the sample checks by CAG hasrevealed perfunctory functioning of the State Level Committees in many States as brought out in its Report No.3 of 1999;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether any accountability and responsibility has been fixed in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure that the money drawn for the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) reaches the people for whom the fund has been set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (d): The Comptroller and Auditor General of India had brought out instances ofinappropriate and inadmissible expenditure by various States from the Calamity ReliefFund (CRF) and from allocations made from the National Fund for Calamity Relief(NFCR). These findings together with the recommendations thereon by the Public Accounts Committee, in its 28th Report, have been brought to the notice of the State Governments with the directions that each and every instance of this nature be inquired into and specific responsibility be fixed for lapses noticed, alongwith remedial action. The responsibility for ensuring timely contribution of State`s share to CRF vests with theState Government concerned. Guidelines have been issued to the State Governments,from time to time, regarding proper utilization of funds.